

ORDINANCE NO. 9320

BY PRESIDENT PRETTNER SOLON:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY, ADDING A NEW ARTICLE XXV TO CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE.

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That a new Article XXV be added to Chapter 2 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, to read as follows:

Article XXV. Environmental Advisory Council.

Sec. 2-131. Creation of council; purpose.

There is hereby established an environmental advisory council. The purpose of the council is to promote environmental awareness and to advise and educate the city council, city administration and the community on environmental issues.

Sec. 2-132. Membership; terms; vacancies.

The council shall consist of 13 members. There shall be five nonvoting ex-officio members: a member of the Duluth City Council selected by the president of the city council; the director of physical planning of the city or designee; the chair of the planning commission environmental committee; an appointee of the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District; and the director of public works of the city or designee. The eight voting members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. A minimum of four of these members shall be selected from lists of persons recommended by locally recognized environmental organizations. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms in the same manner. Of these initial eight members, three shall be appointed for three years, three shall be appointed for two years, and two shall be appointed for one year. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of three years. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Sec. 2-133. Officers; meetings; conduct of business.

The council shall meet within 30 days after all its initial members are appointed and elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson. The council shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its business.

Sec. 2-134. Powers and duties.

The council shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) Develop and recommend to the city council and city administration an environmental policy to guide city actions which involve environmental issues;

(b) Advise the city council and city administration on environmental issues referred to it for review;

(c) Hear and review complaints and concerns from the public on environmental matters and recommend actions to be taken by the city where appropriate;

(d) Educate the city council, city administration and the community on environmental issues;

(e) Recommend public initiatives on environmental matters to the city administration.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its passage and publication. (Effective date: January 5, 1997)

President Prettnner Solon moved passage of the ordinance and the same was adopted upon the following vote:

Yeas: Councilors Hales, Hardesty, Hogg, Keenan, Rapaich, Wheeler and President Prettnner Solon -- 7

Nays: None -- 0

Absent: Councilors Bohlmann and Talarico -- 2

Passed November 25, 1996
Approved November 25, 1996
GARY L. DOTY, Mayor

ATTEST:

JEFFREY J. COX, City Clerk